

THE
Woman's Art Association
OF CANADA.

Objects,
Constitution
AND Rules.

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"Labore et Constantia."

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OBJECTS.

The objects of the Association are the encouragement and promotion of more general interest in Original Art in this country, and more especially for the mutual help and co-operation of women who are either artists or lovers of Art; the holding of exhibitions and lectures upon subjects pertaining to Art. It shall also be the aim of the Association to form Branch Associations in other places, and by contributing to any exhibitions which these Branches may undertake, encourage every effort to awaken interest in the public at large, advancing by greater unity of thought and purpose, through the more intimate knowledge of one another's work, the good of both the individual and the community. It will also be the aim of the Association and its Branches to provide rooms for the use of the members where they can work together from models at times agreed upon by those members who wish to avail themselves of such opportunities for study.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.—MEMBERSHIP.

Section 1.—There shall be two classes of membership. Professional and Honorary. Professional members shall consist of such women who as artists and serious students may be acceptable to and are willing to subscribe to the objects of the Association, and to pledge themselves to co-operate with one another in the undertakings of the Association.

Honorary Members shall consist of ladies who are interested in the promotion of Art matters. They shall have a vote at the regular monthly and at annual meetings through their representatives and have free admittance to all exhibitions.

Section 2.—Candidates for membership must be proposed by one of the Professional Members or Honorary Members' representatives at a regular monthly meeting, and a vote shall be taken by ballot at the next ensuing regular meeting, two-third affirmative vote of the members present being necessary for election; upon notification by the Secretary, and receipt of the fee, the candidate's name will be enrolled.

ARTICLE II.—FEES.

Section 1.—All annual fees are due on the first Monday in October of each year. Fee for Professional Resident Members, \$5.00; for Professional Non-Resident, \$1.00; for Patronesses and Honorary Members, \$1.00.

Section 2.—Any person may become an Honorary Life Member or Patroness by the payment of \$20 at any one time.

ARTICLE III.—OFFICERS.

The Officers shall consist of a President, first and second Vice-Presidents, *ex-officio* Vice- Presidents (the Presidents of all Branch Associations), a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer.

No Officers of this Association or its Branches shall be paid, or no paid instructor employed.

ARTICLE IV.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

Section 1.—The President shall preside at all meetings and conduct the meetings by the prescribed Order of Business.

Section 2.—The Vice-Presidents shall, in the absence of the President, act for the President.

Section 3.—The Recording Secretary shall keep a correct record of all the meetings, of all motions and resolutions; and report the proceedings at monthly and annual meetings, and send out all notices of meetings.

Section 4.—The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence, read the roll-call, and keep a correct list of members and Branches, and give a full report of each monthly and annual meeting, and attend to all printing.

Section 5.—The Treasurer shall receive, collect, hold and receipt for all moneys of the Association, disbursing the same by order of the President, and shall render a complete report in writing at each monthly and annual meeting.

ARTICLE V.—MEETINGS.

Section 1.—The annual meeting shall take place in Toronto on the first Monday of October. At this meeting a full statement of the affairs of the Association shall be presented by the Officers, and the elections for the ensuing year take place. The Honorary Members shall be notified to attend the meeting and elect representatives (one for every twenty-five members), who shall with the Professional Members attend the monthly meetings of the Association and vote.

Section 2.—Monthly meetings shall be held during the first week of each month from September to May inclusive.

Section 3.—Monthly meetings shall be Executive Meetings.

Section 4.—The Executive shall consist of the officers of the Association, and the heads of Committee and Honorary Members' representatives.

Section 5.—The Executive has full power to deal with all matters concerning the Association and its Branches, except in local matters not affecting the whole Association, in which Branches have power to arrange for themselves.

Section 6.—Special meetings shall be called at any time by the Secretary at the request of the President, when the business to come up must be stated in the notification.

Quorum.—At monthly meetings of the Society five shall be a quorum. At annual meetings, eight.

ARTICLE VI.—ORDER OF BUSINESS AT MEETINGS.

1. The Roll-Call.
2. Reading of minutes of previous meeting.

3. Correspondence read and considered.
4. New members proposed.
5. Accounts, Treasurer's report.
6. Unfinished business, or notices of motion.
7. General business.

ARTICLE VII.—RESOLUTIONS.

All resolutions and motions shall be presented to the Secretary in writing.

ARTICLE VIII.

The Constitution and By-laws may be altered or amended by a majority vote at any annual meeting, notice thereof being sent to each member before the previous monthly meeting.

ARTICLE IX.—COMMITTEES.

Committees for the carrying on of the work of the Association will be appointed by the Executive from among the members (Professional or Honorary). The President and Secretaries being members of all Committees.

ARTICLE X.—EXHIBITIONS.

There will be each year Spring Exhibitions, Fall Exhibitions, and Ceramic Exhibitions.

The dates of holding the various Exhibitions of the Association and its Branches, during the year, will be arranged at the annual meeting by the Executive, or at a special meeting called by the President.

The works exhibited must be original, and such as have not been previously exposed in public in Toronto.

The pictures shall be selected from those sent in, and hung by a Committee composed of Professional Members of the Association.

No work shall be admitted to the Exhibition unless the Hanging Committee consider it to be a credit to the artist, and to the Association.

No Member shall exhibit more than 20 pictures, not more than two portraits shall be exhibited by one Artist.

Works of non-members (not more than ten) may be admitted on approval of the Hanging Committee.

A commission of 10% will be charged on the catalogue prices of all pictures sold out of the Exhibition, whether by the Association or otherwise. No work to be removed until the close of the Exhibition.

BRANCH ASSOCIATIONS.

The Charter of the Woman's Art Association of Canada empowers them to form Branch Associations, and provides that a general meeting, which shall be the annual meeting of the members of the Association, shall be held every year in the city of Toronto, for the appointment of Officers and Directors, and the transaction of other business in connection with the Association.

RULES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF BRANCHES.

The Officers of Branch Associations must be Professional Members of the W.A.A. of Canada, paying an annual fee of \$1 each, and must conduct the Branch upon the same general lines.

The financial year of the Branch must correspond with that of the W.A.A., and copies of the Annual Reports of Branches must be sent in before the annual meeting of the Association, when all such reports will be incorporated in the General Report.

The President of the W.A.A. shall be Honorary President of the Branches.

The names of Officers of the W.A.A. shall be printed on all publications of the Branches.

The Annual Meeting of the Branch should be held on the last Monday in September.

ARTICLE II.

A Branch ceases to exist when it has less than seven members including officers. The Secretary must then return the books to the Secretary of the Association, and the Treasurer remit to the Treasurer of the Association balance of cash on hand, after payment of all liabilities, and any property either real or personal of which the Branch is possessed shall become the property of the Association. Such property shall be held in trust by the Association, and shall be returnable after deduction of any expense incurred in the disbanding of the Branch if re-organized within two years, after which it becomes the property of the W.A.A. of Canada.

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